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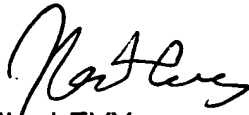
SUSPENSION OF ACTION

All claims are allowable in this reissue. However, prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter, pending a response to applicant's petition mailed 9/23/05, to pay the maintenance fee of patent # 5,536,501. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL LEVY whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THURMAN PAGE can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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